

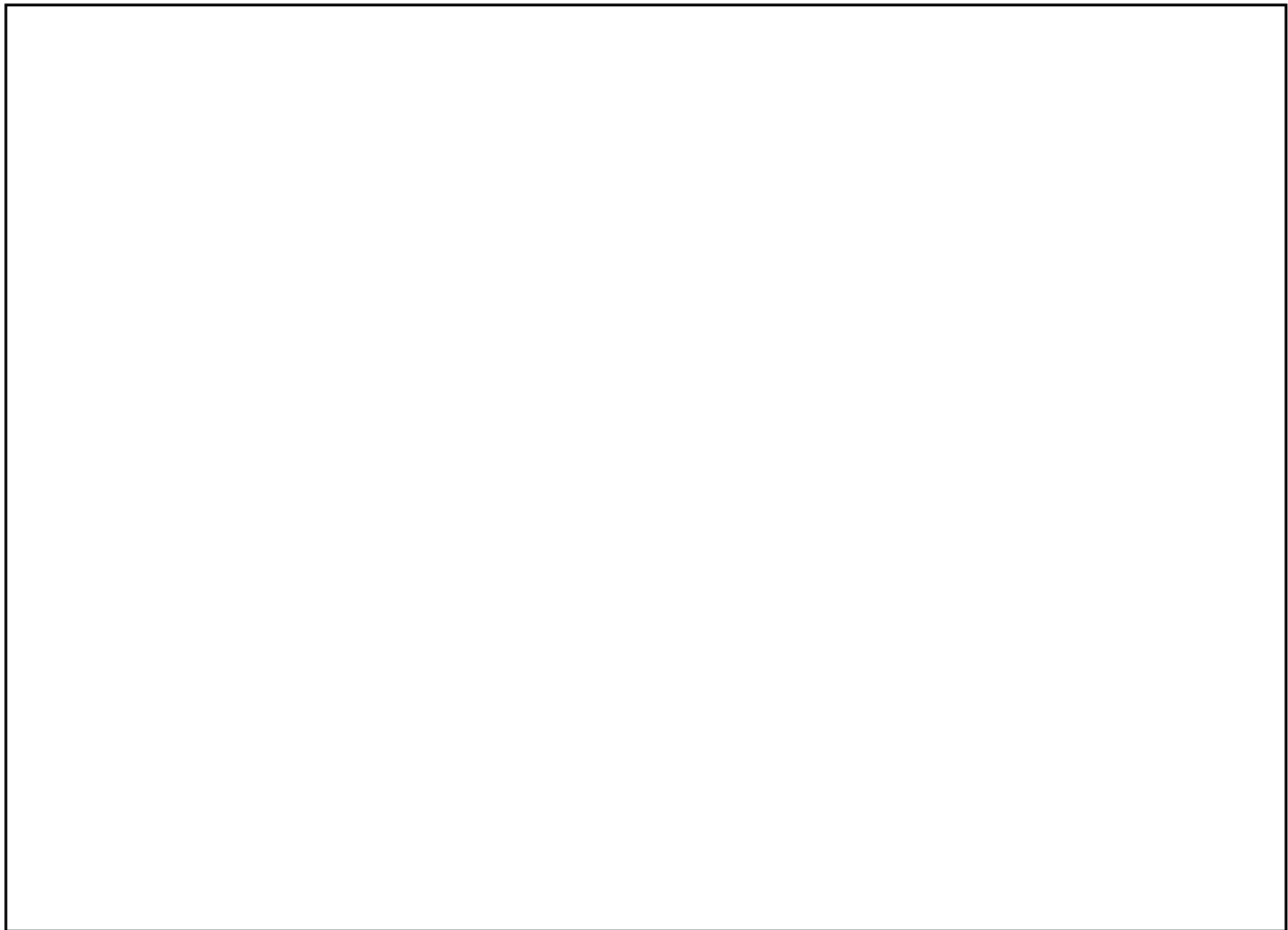
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15.  Returned to Bill Woodruff, Counsel,  
Senate Appropriations Committee, the copy of the GAO report on the  
pacification program which he had loaned to us.

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1. [ ] Talked with Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, about the concern we have regarding Senator Symington's requests to State and Defense for detailed information on funds expended under the Symington ceiling for Laos for Fiscal 72. Preston (like Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee) feels that we would find it difficult to refuse to provide Symington with this information in some form, but also agrees that we should refuse to permit any GAO audit of these funds. Preston commented in this connection that he would like to have copies of any material which is developed on the Agency's expenditures for these reports.

I told Preston we were still hoping he could get together with us for his briefing session with Carl Duckett soon, but we appreciated the bind he was in and would wait to hear from him as to his availability.

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2. [ ] Picked up from the Senate Appropriations and Armed Services Committees copies of the GAO report on pacification program. One copy has been given to Mr. Colby and the other must be returned to Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee.

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7. [ ] Met with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and brought him up-to-date on a number of recent developments including recent Hen House radar information, developments in China to reduce the emphasis of Mao's ideological importance, reduction of Cuban support to Latin American revolutionary groups, and Sadat's orders to reduce Soviet military presence in Egypt.

I mentioned to Woodruff that we were drafting a letter which the Director could send to the Chairmen of our four Subcommittees with copies to each of the members bringing them up-to-date on allegations that have been made about Agency involvement in illicit drug traffic and the responses we have made to these charges. I said the letters would also indicate that the Director would be happy to discuss this matter in greater detail with our members. Woodruff felt that we had sent as many letters to the editors as we should and saw no reason why we shouldn't send such a letter to our Chairmen.

I mentioned to Woodruff recent developments which have arisen as a result of Senator Symington's letters to the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State requesting detailed information on funds expended under the Laos ceiling for FY 72. Woodruff agreed that we would be hard pressed not to provide details involving Agency expenditures to Senator Symington if he desires them, but he also agreed that we should refuse any GAO audit of funds which the Agency has expended under the Laos ceiling.

I told Woodruff our people had used Senator Ellender's movie film of his trip to the Soviet Union in 1956 in a training film on Russia and we thought he might be interested in viewing it. Woodruff said this sounded interesting and said indeed he would be interested in seeing the film the next time he is out at Headquarters. He commented that Senator Ellender is expected to be out of town most of the time between now and early September, devoting his time to campaigning for reelection.

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[REDACTED] Received a call from Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, saying members of his staff had received a call from a man by the name of [REDACTED] who claimed he was being persecuted by the Agency and that one million volts of electricity were being put through his body by Richard Helms. Woodruff wanted to report this to us and was also interested in knowing whether we had any information on [REDACTED] After checking with [REDACTED] Security, I advised Woodruff this was undoubtedly [REDACTED] who had been contacting the Agency and many other people around town for several years. I told him that he was regarded as a mentally deranged crank, but as far as could be determined thus far he was not dangerous. I told him [REDACTED] is well-known to both the FBI and Secret Service and suggested to Woodruff that members of their staff avoid him in so far as possible.

I later had a call from Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, who said [REDACTED] had called their office and talked to their staff. I gave Braswell a similar rundown.

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